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HARDYVILLE MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on December 13, 2006, a federal Grand Jury in Paducah, **returned an Indictment** charging **JASON HAWKINS**, age 30, of 2911 Hundred Acres Pond Road, Hardyville, Kentucky, with transporting, receiving, processing and producing child pornography.

The Indictment charges that on or about October 30, 2006, **Hawkins** transported, via computer, child pornography. The Grand Jury further charges that on or about and between November 2004 and November 16, 2006, **Hawkins** received child pornography via the internet. The Grand Jury also charges that on or about November 16, 2006, **Hawkins** possessed child pornography. The Grand Jury also charges that during the summer of 2004, **Hawkins** produced child pornography to be transmitted via computer.

The affidavit to the criminal complaint provides more details on the investigation: On October 30, 2006, Detective Randy Wickins of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police logged on to Google Hello as "bigbaddadie." Within a few seconds of logging on to the account, Detective Wickins was contacted by Google Hello user "babyho." During the ensuing chat conversation Detective Wickins received 11 images, 10 of which he believed constituted child pornography. The images show a very young female child, approximately age three. The child's naked pubic area is

shown in numerous images, including close-up shots of her legs spread apart to show her vaginal area.

On November 16, 2006, ICE agents executed a federal search warrant at 2911 Hundred Acre Pond Road in Hardyville, Kentucky. During the search, agents identified Jason Hawkins and provided him with Miranda warnings. Jason Hawkins then told the agents that (1) he used the name "babyho" as his online identity, (2) he had traded child pornography on Google Hello, (3) he was in possession of 1000-5000 child pornography images and video clips, and (4) he had received and distributed child pornography over the internet for at least the past two years. Agents seized video camcorders, digital cameras, storage media and memory cards for the camcorders and cameras, two computers, and two external hard drives. Hawkins admitted ownership of all of the items seized, other than one computer that he said was formerly his and now belonged to his parents. Hawkins further admitted that he had taken pictures of minor children in their underwear, with his hand placed on their stomachs and/or backs. Hawkins further admitted that he had a collection of girls' panties (some purchased, some taken from minor children) but said that he had thrown away his collection approximately two months ago. During a preliminary forensic search of his computer and hard drives, agents identified more than 100 child pornography images. The camcorders, digital cameras, computer, and other media seized will remain in ICE custody for additional forensic analysis. Forensic analysis of the items seized resulted in finding evidence of production of child pornography.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 80 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of up to life.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell , and it was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Royal Canadian

Mounted Police.

Hawkins is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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